

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 284(STA) am H

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Amended: 5/5/98
Offered: 3/4/98

Sponsor(s): SENATORS DONLEY, Phillips, Ellis
REPRESENTATIVE Croft

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to cruelty to animals."

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 11.61.140(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A person commits the crime of cruelty to animals if the person

5 (1) **knowingly** [INTENTIONALLY] inflicts severe [AND

6 PROLONGED] physical pain or **prolonged** suffering on an animal;

7 (2) **with criminal negligence, fails to care for** [RECKLESSLY

8 NEGLECTS] an animal and, as a result [OF THAT NEGLECT], causes the death of

9 the animal or causes severe **physical** pain or **prolonged** suffering to the animal; or

10 (3) kills an animal by the use of a decompression chamber.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 11.61.140(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) It is a defense to a prosecution under (a)(1) or (2) of this section that the

13 conduct of the defendant

14 (1) conformed to accepted veterinary **or animal husbandry** practice;

15 (2) was part of scientific research governed by accepted standards;

1 [OR]

2 (3) was necessarily incident to lawful hunting or trapping activities; **or**
3 **(4) conformed to professionally accepted training and disciplinary**
4 **methods.**